

**Andrew Jackson to Andrew Jackson, Jr., July 22, 1829,
from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by
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TO ANDREW JACKSON, JR.

Washington, July 22, 1829.

My son, In my last I forgot to say any thing about my little ward Hutchings. I have wrote Genl Coffee if he still refuses to go to school there, to furnish him the means to bring him on to me. you will consult my little ward Hutchings who I learn is still at my house, whether he will go to school there or prefer coming on here. If he prefers coming on here, you will write Genl Coffee advising him thereof and requesting the Genl to forward you the means, to bring him here—five hundred dollars will bring him here and meet his expences I think for one year. This sum if furnished by Genl Coffee you will recollect I am chargeable with and you will keep an account of how it is expended, and take receipts for all payments made for A. J. Hutchings so that I may be able to settle with the court.

I am not well, I have been severely attacked with head ache since I returned from old point from which I am not entirely free, and it has affected my vision. I wish you to return to me as early as you can. But you must await the convenience of old Mrs. Eaton—you must attend to her as a mother if she consents to come on here. say to Hutchings I would have wrote him but he has not answered my letters therefore I have not wrote him believing it useless. Say to him I never expected that he would prove ungrateful to me—I have spent many an anxious thought about him. I, together with his deceased aunt, has often admonished and councilled him for his good, and I still hope he will not disgrace himself, but will be advised, and adopt, and follow a course that will eventuate in his respectability and prosperity. If he consents to come on here with you this fall, you will write Genl Coffee

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to furnish you with \$500 for his use. Hutchings and Mr Earle will come with you. If the ohio is not up you will have to send Hutchings by the mail stage. However, when I return from Mr Carrolls of Carrolton whither I go to day I will write you again on this subject, expecting on your arrival at the Hermitage you will loose not a moment in writing me. My Dear give me a true relation what attention has been paid to your mothers Grave, whether any Flowers, as I requested, has been planted. let me know how the Servants are and how they have been treated, how my stock have been attended to and particularly my Coalts etc. etc. etc.

I have but one word to add on the subject you communicated to me. As you have fixed your affections on Miss [*blank*] say to her, you have known each other from your childhood and it is useless to delay. an answer you expect and a candid one, to which you [will] submit without murmuring[. If it] should be adverse to your wishes [you have] too good an opinion of her to be[lieve] she would wish to coquett you [and] put it not in her power—have a fin]al answer. Present me to Mrs. M[*blank*], Doctor Shelbys family and all our [dear] friends. your affectionate father